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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: PIPELINE AND TERMINAL STATIONS

REF: DAMASCUS 1941; USDOC 6351 (NOTAL)

1 COMOFF CALLED AUGUST 13 ON DEPUTY MINPETROLEUM NABULSI, GAVE BACKGROUND DETAILS TO SUBJECT PROJECT. ACCORDING TO NABULSI, MINISTRY DECIDED TO PRIVATELY CONTACT INTERNATIONAL FIRMS BEFORE WILLIAMS BROS. COMPLETED PROJECT STUDY. WORD WAS LEAKED THROUGH VARIOUS BUSINESSMAN CLOSE TO MINISTRY, ONE OF WHOM INFORMED EMBASSY. MINISTRY DID NOT LET FORMARL TENDER NOR DID IT DIRECTLY NOTIFY EMBASSIES OF PROJECT. MINISTRY SET JULY 3 AS DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM FIRMS; EMBASSY DID NOT KNOW OF THIS DEADLINE.

2. AT LEAST TWO US FIRMS -- BROWN AND ROOT AND WILLIAMS INTERNATIONAL -- SENT REPS TO DAMASCUS TO CONFER WITH MINPETROLEUM OFFICIALS (THESE REPS NEVER CONTACTED EMBASSY). ACCORDING TO NABULSI, MINPET WELCOMED THEIR INTEREST AND ACCEPTED THEM AS QUALIFIED TO BID ON PROJECT WHEN STUDY WAS FINISHED. BOTH, HOWEVER, WITHDREW FROM CONSIDERATION. AT LEAST ON OTHER US FIRM, BACHTEL, CONTACTED A LOCAL AGENT ABOUT PROJECT, BUT DID NOT FOLLOW UP.
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CONSEQUENTLY, WHEN WILLIAMS BROTHERS STUDY WAS FINISHED, NO US FIRM WAS IN FURNING. MINPET PREPARED SHORTLIST OF SIX FIRMS (THREE OF THEM FRENCH) AND INVITED THEM TO PURCHASE STUDY AT 5000 DOLS PER COPY. NABULSI SAID MINISTRY WILL NOT ENTERTAIN OTHER EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST BY FOREIGN FIRMS.

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